CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	b37887ec-a2f3-441f-9db0-b5fdb69236a3
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1700425.010
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	29 August 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	29 August 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the sexual exploitation of children or young persons. It depicts a boy being sexually abused. The only purpose of this image is to sexually arouse the viewer, and it encourages the view that boys are available for the sexual pleasure of adults. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. This reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children and young persons from exploitation and harm.